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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF EDUCATION,

—AND—

Superintending School Committee

—OF THE—

TOWN OF TILTON,

—FOR THE—

Year ending March 1, 1876.

TILTON, N. H.:
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REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves with Cash received, as follows:—

To Cash received of	J. B. Sanborn, Treas., 1874,	$1,243	92
" "	S. J. Tilton, Collector, 1874,	1,727	74
" "	County of Belknap,	402	03
" "	Savings Bank Tax,	765	42
" "	Railroad Tax,	217	14
" "	Literary Fund,	90	73
" "	J. H. Philbrick, highway tax,	2	00
" "	Town of Sanbornton, Execution,	29	14
" "	Win. Man. C. by E. Hill, Assinee,	2	35
" "	Geo. N. Sanborn, old plank,	10	00
" "	A. B. Wyatt, sewer cap,	6	00
" "	Taxes commited to Coll'r, 1875,	9,358	42
		13,854	89
To Cash borrowed,		8,243	90
		$22,098	79

Which is accounted for, as follows:—

Paid Outstanding Bills.

1875.

By paid	S. Parsons, breaking roads,	$6 00
"	G. W. Durgin, " "	4 10
"	J. S. Robinson, " "	11 00
"	A. F. Clark, " "	13 35
"	C. W. Colby, " "	11 40
"	J. T. Durgin, " "	70
"	D. T. W. Clark, " "	3 05
"	A. Moulton, " "	62
"	O. C. Hurlburt, " "	5 00
"	P. P. Jaques, " "	9 10
"	J. S. Morrison, " "	26 00
"	H. Moulton, " "	10 23
"	Chas. H. Jewell, " "	3 50
"	A. Simpson, " "	3 75
"	Danl. S. Gilman, " "	4 10
"	H. Sanborn, " "	8 40
"	J. H. Joyce, " "	3 88
"	N. Sanborn, " "	10 97
"	C. G. Durgin, " "	15 00
"	L. Conant, use of scraper,	10 00
"	J. W. Sanborn, for Gilman girl,	7 87
"	J. B. Sanborn, services as Selectman,	13 00
"	J. B. Sanborn, on road,	4 00
"	E. G. Smith, express on reports,	25
"	R. Philbrook, Selectmen's board,	10 00
"	Auditors' bill,	4 50
"	W. P. Lang, on Police,	12 50
"	S. T. Holmes, on Police,	12 50
"	O. D. Philbrook, breaking roads,	21 36
"	Geo. W. Baker, Town Reports,	30 00
"	Joshua Wood, on road,	60
"	N. A. Philbrook, on road,	3 00
"	J. C. Ladd, Selectman, 1874,	6 00

By paid	R. C. Bixby, breaking roads,	$32 21
"	Moses Clark, " "	2 13
"	Horace Sanborn, breaking roads,	1 00
"	Horace Sanborn, Selectmen, 1874,	9 00
"	Hill & Philbrick, for F. Elliott,	3 00
"	A. W. Abbott, for F. Elliott,	12 00
"	J. W. Piper, on road,	1 90
"	Dr. Gould, for Mrs. Hannaford,	13 50
"	A. J. Clark, breaking roads,	8 87
"	Hill & Philbrick, wood for office,	4 25
"	E. Davis, cash paid on road,	15 76
"	J. March, breaking roads,	3 00
"	Condon & Lang, shoes for pauper,	2 40
"	A. B. Wyatt, breaking roads,	3 00
		$397 75

Paid on Notes, $10,996 97

Paid Current Expenses.

By paid	B. W. Sanborn & Co., blank books, etc.,	$5 85
"	Geo. W. Baker, Collector's receipts,	3 75
"	J. B. Sanborn, setting guide-posts,	5 25
"	A. Hannaford, in Baker case,	91
"	M. A. Wilcox, " "	7 85
"	W. P. Lang, " "	5 50
"	H. N. Atkinson, repairing Mrs. Davis' wagon,	4 50
"	H. Q. Dalton, sign-board and post at Bay Bridge,	9 75
"	Wm. L. Foster, Referee in Baker case,	35 00
"	C. P. Herrick, " " " "	3 05
"	C. M. Bromley, refreshments, March 9, 1875,	2 75
"	C. B. Garmon, Selectmen's board,	18 00
"	Selectmen's expenses appraising real estate,	9 00
"	W. J. Hunkins, serving notice,	50
"	A. H. Jones, appraising real estate,	27 50
"	S. Dixon, surveying,	1 25

By paid	H. Q. Dalton, appraising real estate,	$30 00
"	Daniel Barnard, Attorney in Bond case,	110 50
"	J. Curry, rent of land for lobby,	10 00
"	Peter Copp, sawing wood, etc.,	1 00
"	C. B. Garmon, appraising real estate,	30 00
"	W. P. & J. Hill, rent of office, and hall,	85 00
"	C. C. Rogers, legal services,	129 00
"	S. Dixon, surveying,	50
"	Geo. Nichols, damage to horse and wagon,	12 00
"	J. L. Loverin, on Baker case,	2 00
"	S. H. Williams, services as Town Clerk,	45 00
"	S. T. Holmes, expense suit as Policeman,	10 00
"	W. P. Lang, " " "	10 00
"	" Constable,	2 00
"	" Policeman,	15 50
"	C. B. Garmon, Constable,	2 00
"	" Policeman,	12 50
"	County Tax,	1,611 46
"	State Tax,	1,028 00
"	S. H. Williams, check-list books,	1 00
"	A. H. Jones, in Baker suit,	6 40
"	" Treasurer,	40 00
"	" Selectman,	87 00
"	" Overseer of Poor,	26 00
"	" Cash paid out,	17 56
"	" Horse and carriage out of town,	10 00
"	Charles B. Garmon, Selectman,	64 75
"	" Cash paid out,	77
"	" Transient Poor,	4 75
"	" Overseer of Poor,	3 00
"	" Horse and wagon out of town,	2 00
"	Henry Q. Dalton, Selectman,	68 00
"	" Cash paid out,	2 08
"	" Overseer of Poor,	2 00
"	" Horse and carriage out of town,	3 00
		$3,625 18

Paid for Support of Poor.

By paid	Mrs. Oakley, for McCurdy family,	$4 00
"	J. F. Taylor, for F. Elliott,	3 00
"	S. T. Holmes, for transient poor,	3 20
"	Reform School, board Fred Shaw,	26 00
"	" " " Frank A. Reed,	26 00
"	Mason & Moulton, for McCurdy family,	10 00
"	Geo. A. Stevens, medicines for McCurdy family,	1 65
"	Hill & Philbrick, for McCurdy family,	20 07
"	Mason & Moulton, for J. Jones,	27 50
"	Reform School for Fred Shaw,	26 00
"	" " Frank A. Reed,	26 00
"	" " Solon McKenney,	25 14
"	C. B. Garmon, transient pauper,	8 50
"	Hill & Philbrick, for J. Wells,	6 50
"	" Mrs. Little,	1 74
"	W. P. Lang, for Simeon Kimball,	10 00
"	H. K. Thompson, coffin and box, for S. Kimball,	15 50
"	J. L. Loverin, for S. Kimball,	5 00
"	M. J. Barney, for Mrs. Little,	9 00
"	M. W. Bennett, for transient pauper,	9 00
"	Reform School, for Fred Shaw,	26 00
"	" " Frank A. Reed,	26 00
"	" " S. McKenney,	26 00
"	A. H. Jones, transient pauper,	50
"	J. F. Taylor, for Simeon Kimball,	9 33
"	Philbrick & Hill, for J. Wells,	9 75
"	Reform School, for Fred Shaw,	26 00
"	" " Frank A. Reed,	26 00
"	" " S. McKenney,	26 00
"	Hiram Shaw, for Conant child,	9 20
"	L. M. Knight, " "	3 50
"	Hiram Shaw, " "	3 00
		$455 08

Paid on Roads and Bridges.

By paid	A. F. Clark, breaking roads,	$24 70
"	O. D. Philbrook, breaking roads,	12 10
"	Joshua Wood, labor,	87
"	Geo. Holmes, labor and cash for labor,	105 00
"	" " "	95 00
"	N. A. Philbrook, labor and cash for labor,	122 10
"	R. C. Bixby, labor,	6 98
"	Geo. Holmes, labor and cash for labor,	60 00
"	" " "	50 00
"	J. B. Sanborn, labor and cash for labor,	94 25
"	Charles W. Colby, labor and cash for labor,	70 00
"	B. W. Brown, plank and timber,	248 29
"	H. Q. Dalton, on bridge,	4 00
"	E. Hill, oxen and man, on bridge,	6 00
"	Wm. Sidney, labor on bridge,	3 00
"	Geo. Holmes, labor and cash for labor,	38 79
"	" " "	79 00
"	A. J. Clark, labor and cash for labor,	100 00
"	Geo. Holmes, " " "	72 00
"	J. T. G. Sanborn, labor,	2 00
"	Joel S. Sanborn, labor on bridge,	3 00
"	N. A. Philbrook, labor and cash for labor,	34 00
"	" " "	40 00
"	J. P. Dearborn, land damage,	25 00
"	A. J. Clark, powder and fuse,	1 25
"	Hill & Philbrick, for road scraper,	11 00
"	Horace Sanborn, for labor,	86 24
"	Geo. Holmes, labor and cash for labor,	155 50
"	Roswell Reed, for labor,	2 03
"	Stephen Staples, on sewer,	95 00
"	H. W. Clapp, for sewer caps,	24 00
"	Freight on sewer caps,	57
"	J. B. Sanborn, labor,	10 33
"	Philbrick & Hill, for spikes,	4 00
"	Geo. Holmes, labor and cash for labor,	81 00
"	N. F. Wyatt, labor,	1 17

By paid J. P. Dearborn, labor and lumber,		$65 15
" H. Q. Dalton, on Bay Bridge,		2 25
" J. H. Philbrick, for labor,		7 66
		$1,843 23

Paid the Several School Districts.

By paid T. C. Pratt, Agent, Union, No. 1,	$137 00	
" A. S. Ballantyne, " "	307 09	
		$444 09
" Charles Smith, Agent, No. 1,		98 81
" Gideon Piper, " No. 4,		232 80
" Nathan Sanborn, " No. 7,		86 06
" J. B. Sanborn, " No. 16,		135 69
" Wm. H. Seavey, " No. 18,		76 29
" H. P. Ladd, " No. 5,		50 23
" W. D. Pike, " No. 2, in Sanbornton,		1 63
		$1,125 60

Paid the Several Religious Societies.

By paid J. B. Sanborn, F. W. Baptist,	$15 83
" H. Q. Dalton, Second Methodist,	16 47
" J. F. Taylor, Episcopal,	18 36
" D. S. Clay, Second Congregational,	21 21
" E. L. Sanborn, First Baptist,	1 58
" S. H. Williams, First Methodist,	15 52
" Nathan Sanborn, First Congregational,	6 02
	$94 99

Damage done Sheep by Dogs.

By paid J. C. Sanborn,	$5 00
" A. F. Clark,	6 00
" J. P. Dearborn,	5 00
" B. F. Cass,	3 50
	$19 50

Recapitulation.

To Cash and Tax List,	$13,854 89	
Cash borrowed,	8,243 90	
		$22,098 79

Accounted for, as follows:—

Paid Outstanding bills,	$397 75	
On Notes,	10,996 97	
Current Expenses,	3,625 18	
Support of Poor,	455 08	
Roads and Bridges,	1,843 23	
Schooling,	1,125 60	
Religious Societies,	94 99	
Damage to sheep by dogs,	19 50	
Uncollected Taxes, 1875,	1,131 05	
Abatement of Taxes, 1875,	108 93	
Cash in Treasury,	2,300 51	
		$22,098 79

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS H. JONES,
CHARLES B. GARMON,
HENRY Q. DALTON,
} *Selectmen of Tilton.*

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

ADDISON B. WYATT,
JOSEPH P. DEARBORN,
CHARLES C. ROGERS,
} *Auditors.*

March 1, 1876.

Town Debts.

Notes, principal,	$26,948 82	
Interest to March, 1, 1876,	2,473 55	
		$29,422 37

Assets.

Railroad Stock—21 shares,	$210 00	
Uncollected Taxes, 1874,	463 79	
Uncollected Taxes, 1875,	1,131 05	
Cash in Treasury,	2,300 51	
		4,105 35
Net Indebtedness,		$25,317 02
School and Parsonage Fund Note,		$3,166 35

For the information of the town we would make a further statement in regard to the financial condition of the town.

We find the outstanding indebtedness of the town as stated above to be more than that reported last year. We have spent considerable time in verifying the statement of the indebtedness, and have ascertained that the same was stated last year some eleven hundred dollars less than the actual indebtedness on March 1, 1875. This makes the apparent reduction of the indebtedness last year too much, and that of this year too little.

It will be observed that the amount of cash borrowed during this year was $8,243 90; and the amount paid on debts and interest is $10,996 97; and the difference must be the amount of the actual reduction of the indebtedness the present year,—which is $2,753 07. Deduct from this a full year's interest on the amount reported as the net debt last year, which is $1,740 33, (considerable of which was paid before the end of the year, and of course did not carry interest the full year), would make the actual reduction of the debt $1,012 64 after allowing for the payment of the interest accruing during the year.

ADDISON B. WYATT,
JOSEPH P. DEARBORN, } *Auditors.*
CHARLES C. ROGERS.

March 1, 1876.

REPORT OF

Superintending School Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Charles Smith, Prudential Committee. Summer Term, Miss Anna M. Wheeler. A teacher of large experience and well calculated to govern and instruct. Map drawing nicely done. The right person in the right place.

Fall Term Miss S. Mittie Leavitt. Order was good, advancement very good. This school has been favored with good teachers the past year, and the pupils show a decided improvement. There is a marked degree of promptness in this school as there was no tardiness reported in either term, and only four dismissals in each term. Registers correct.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Gideon Piper, Prudential Committee. Three Terms by Miss Lizzie S. Pike. With a little more energy this school would rank very favorably.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Nathan Sanborn, Prudential Committee. Summer and Fall terms by Miss Maria L. Lane. This teacher yearly gains the love of her pupils, and friendship of the parents. Improvement very good. The district that is so fortunate as to procure the services of this teacher will be well paid for the effort.

District No. 16.

Jacob B. Sanborn, Prudential Committee. Summer term by Miss Alice E. Freese. She possesses the faculty of winning the respect of her pupils; is thorough, precise and rapid in all her explanations, which she seemed to infuse into all her scholars.

Fall Term by Mrs. Cynthia A. Hill. This teacher worked hard for the good of the School, but was not so fortunate as she ought to have been in gaining the good will of the scholars, which retarded the progress of the school.

This teacher has a good reputation as a teacher with a large experience and is amply qualified for a good teacher.

District No. 18.

William Seavey, Prudential Committee. First term of five weeks by Miss Linda W. Harris.

Visited the school at its commencement which appeared very favorably. Was not notified of its close.

Second term by Mr. Frank A. Durgin. This was his first attempt at teaching and his success was very good.

He has approved himself a manly, accurate and thorough teacher. He has come into easy communication with the scholars, has held before them high views of life and has aimed to train them by right and appropriate methods.

Your Committee take pleasure in reporting that quiet has prevailed in the schools in town the past year. A good degree of success has attended the efforts put forth in their behalf. The present condition of our Schools is susceptible of improvement.

The efficiency of the common school is seriously impaired by the unseasonable and irregular attendance of scholars.

A little co-operation on the part of parents with the teacher in this matter would be beneficial to the schools. I notice eighty-three tardy marks in one term which ought not to be, as it must serve to disparage the School.

The real importance of our Common Schools demands for them the solicitous care and attention of every citizen, no matter what his profession or business, or how light his family responsibilities. Universal intelligence is the greatest safeguard of our liberties.

Education makes men industrious and trustworthy, more economical, better producers and preservers of property. Our schools would be made more interesting and greatly benefited by more frequent visits from parents and citizens.

Social and friendly relations should be cultivated between teachers and parents in order that teachers may be successful and accomplish the good that our schools demand.

The teachers have generally been successful. Some have manifested a commendable zeal in their work, while in others more of this element would have added to their efficiency.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of District.	Amount of School Money.	No. Scholars over four years attending not less than two weeks.		Length of Schools in weeks.		Wages per mo., including board.	
		SUMMER.	WINTER.	SUMMER.	WINTER.	SUMMER.	WINTER.
1	$98 81	13	13	8	7 1-2	$24 00	$24 00
4	232 80	28	21	10	16	30 00	34 00
7	86 06	15	13	8	10	24 00	24 00
16	135 69	36	35	8	9	27 00	29 40
18	76 29	19	17	5	14	28 00	24 00

JOSEPH P. DEARBORN,

Superintending Committee.

REPORT OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR UNION DISTRICT.

In submitting the following report two members of the present board labor under some embarassment—having served only a portion of the year—Mr. Ballantyne having been appointed August 6th, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal from town of Rev. Mr. Pratt, and Mr. Rogers Nov. 24th, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the lamented Dr. Herrick.

Both Primary and Grammar departments have had thirty-one weeks of school: two terms of ten and one of eleven weeks each.

The Grammar department has been under the care of Miss Lucia K. Gile. This school has not been as successful in all respects as might be desired. The examination at the close of the year showed, in some instances, commendable progress and thoroughness, while most of the classes exhibited a laxity of discipline that was far from satisfactory to the Board. The character of the school as to order and general deportment, under the vigorous watchfulness of the committee, was very much improved during the last term. There was an apparent lack of that interest, spirit and energy which are so necessary to the successful working of such a school as this.

The Primary department during the past, as has been the case ever since the organization of the district, has been under the successful management of Miss Lizzie A. Chase. The fact that her services have been so long retained in this position

is a sufficient commentary on this school. She combines long experience with a tact and judgment so indispensable to success in school-room work, thereby making this school a model of industry. The examination showed thoroughness of work and complete mastery on the part of the pupils, of the branches taught.

We desire again, briefly, to call the attention of the parents of the district to their duties concerning the education of their children. This subject is one that should receive their personal supervision. It is of the greatest importance that the parents should exibit an interest in the school and know what is being done. You give your personal presence, attention and effort to the common, every-day transactions of business life, but too frequently neglect this, the most important of all your duties.

Who is there among you who would hire a man or woman to conduct important business transactions or to perform difficult tasks of labor, and leave them to do that business or labor in their own way, without ever giving the same your own supervision and looking to it to see that it is properly done and done with thoroughness and dispatch? While you trust the training of your children to one who may be a comparative stranger to you, without ever stepping in to see for yourselves how this important trust is being executed.

A show of interest on the part of the parents begets the same feeling on the part of the scholars, as well as in the teacher and may in its results convert what would otherwise be a poor or ordinary school into a good one.

We desire to call attention of the district to our table of statistics, particularly to the number of instances of tardiness and dismissals in the Grammar School. This is a serious injury to any school and should be corrected by the parents of the district.

By watchfulness and attention to our duties we have made a saving of fuel during the past winter, which has been a very favorable one, amounting to something like eighty dollars as compared with the same item last year. The furnace has worked satisfactorily and made the rooms comfortable.

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